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SUBJECT : Monthly Warning Assessment: Western Europe

TURKEY

1. Ankara's convoluted set of problems garnered the lion's share of attention at this month's meeting. The parliamentary by-elections this fall may well unseat Ecevit but will not result in a stronger government; the most likely outcome appears to be some kind of interim arrangement, followed within a few months by general elections. Analysts agreed that the military would be unhappy over the re-establishment of a Demirel-led government, but discounted suggestions that they would not permit such a development. The recent round-up of suspects has provided no more than a slight respite from terrorism; the level of violence remains high and seems likely to pick up in the fall as the terrorists regroup and students return to school. Some participants also saw a qualitative worsening of the terrorist situation, i.e., a shift toward more attacks on police stations and other such symbols of the establishment. There are also indications of increased unrest among Turkish Kurds, and some analysts expressed concern about the sketchiness of our information on this. While there may be some spillover effects from the Kurdish uprising in Iran, such effects would be more pronounced in Iraq than in Turkey, and the Turkish military seems ready and able to handle anything that might develop. The economic situation remains bleak and Ecevit's weak government is still reluctant to institute needed but unpopular reforms. It is too early, however, to judge whether Turkey will meet its IMF commitments. [REDACTED]

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SPAIN

2. With the referendum on the Basque autonomy statute expected to win overwhelming approval this fall, the Basque separatists realize that their only hope of derailing the process is to mount some kind of spectacular terrorist operation. There is thus a strong likelihood that they will try something -- most likely assassinations of high-level military or government figures -- although we very much doubt that they can prevent the statute from being approved and instituted. This will not, however, bring about an end to terrorism because the hard-core ETA separatists will settle for nothing less than an independent, Marxist, Basque state. [REDACTED]

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ICELAND

3. It appears that the dispute with Norway over fishing rights off Jan Mayen Island has cooled a bit and is on its way toward an amicable postponement. However several of the military representatives at the meeting felt that, in view of the Icelanders' strong feelings on fishing issues, an escalation of the disagreement is still possible. Should that occur, Reykjavik might well link the dispute to Iceland's participation in NATO and might try to drag the US into the negotiations. [REDACTED]

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